

Embassy of the United States of America Madrid, Spain

Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Demonstrations December 31, 2014

DEMONSTRATIONS PLANNED FOR JANUARY 2 - 9, 2015

Planned and spontaneous demonstrations take place in Spain, especially in Madrid and Barcelona, in response to economic or other events. If you encounter a large public gathering or demonstration, the U.S. Embassy suggests that you avoid the area. Even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational. U.S. citizens are therefore urged to avoid the areas of demonstrations if possible, and to exercise caution if within the vicinity of any demonstrations.

The Government Delegation in Madrid has authorized the following demonstrations.

DATE	DURATION	ORGANIZERS	PURPOSE OF PROTEST OR DEMONSTRATION	LOCATION
01/02/15	10:30 – 13:00	Secciones Sindicales Ayto Madrid CGT	Against social and labor cuts.	Alcalá 45, Plaza Cibeles
01/02/15	11:00 – 12:30	Secciones Sindicales Ayto Madrid CGT	Against social and labor cuts.	Plaza de la Villa, Mayor, Bailén, Plaza la Villa
01/02/15	18:00 – 21:00	D. Yevgen Kovtun	In memorial of the victims of the Odessa tragedy.	Puerta del Sol
01/04/15	11:30 – 13:30	Asociación "Todos los niños robados son también mis niños"	In memorial of our stolen children	Puerta del Sol
01/08/15	18:00 – 21:00	Sindicato CCOO. Francisco Cruz García	Execution of sentence "by now." Coca-Cola firm	Plaza Emperador Carlos V, Atocha, Plaza Jacinto Benavente, Carretas, Puerta del Sol.
01/09/15	10:30 – 12:30	Sec Sind Ayto Madrid CGT	Against social and labor cuts.	Alcalá 45, Plaza de Cibeles
01/09/15	11:00 – 12:30	Sec Sind Ayto Madrid	Against social and labor cuts.	Plaza de la Villa, Mayor, Bailén, Plaza la Villa

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01/09/15	12:00 – 13:00	Federación Servicios Públicos UGT	Against cuts in public services	Sevilla, Alcalá, Gran Vía, Sevilla

The U.S. Embassy encourages U.S. citizens to review the "Traveler's Checklist" which includes valuable security information for those both living and traveling abroad. All U.S. citizens in Spain are urged to enroll online at the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP). Enrolling gives U.S. Citizens access to updated information on travel and security within Spain and makes it easier for the Embassy to contact citizens in case of emergency.

Current information on safety and security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States or a regular toll line at-1-202-501-4444 for callers from other countries. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays). You can also stay up to date by bookmarking our Bureau of Consular Affairs website, which contains the current Travel Warnings and Travel Alerts as well as the Worldwide Caution as well as Country Specific Information for Spain. Follow us on Twitter and the Bureau of Consular Affairs page on Facebook as well.

Following are the contact numbers of our Embassy in Madrid, as well as the Consulate General in Barcelona. All contact numbers and addresses are also available on <u>our website</u>.

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